

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method for obtaining lumber that does not require termite-proofing treatment following lumber production, said method comprising injecting a tree trunk injection preparation comprising:
  - (i) a neonicotinoid-based insecticide component that is virtually insoluble in water or only a very small amount of which dissolves in water, or
  - (ii) an organic phosphorus-based insecticide, or
  - (iii) a synthetic pyrethroid-based insecticide, or
  - (iv) a carbamate-based insecticide, andat least one solvent miscible in water and at least one surfactant into the trunk of a tree.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, where in the neonicotinoid-based insecticide is selected from the group consisting of thiamethoxam, acetamprid, dinotefuran and clothianidin or a mixture thereof.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the insecticide is thiamethoxam.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one solvent is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols, glycols and their derivatives, ethers, ketones, esters, sulfoxides, nitriles, pyrrolidones, glycerins and amides.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one surfactant is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyalkylene hardened castor oils, polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers, polyoxyethylene polyoxypropylene alkyl ethers, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyoxyethylene sorbitol fatty acid esters, polyglycerin fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters, polyoxyalkylene (poly)styrene phenols, polyoxyalkylene(poly)styrene cresols and their sulphate esters and phosphate esters and their salts.